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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 24-34 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 and 35-57 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.


Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 04, 05 & 07.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1 to 57 are presented for examination.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The references listed in the information disclosure statement submitted on 2004, 2005, and 2007 have been considered by the examiner (see attached PTO-1449).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 45 to 57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Claim 45 is a single means claim and the scope of the claim is not commensurate with the specification. Claims 46 to 57 are also rejected due to their dependency on a rejected base claim.

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 1 to 23 and 35 to 57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 is indefinite because the phrase "operable to perform" recited in line one is indefinite. Claims 2 to 11 are also rejected due to their dependency on a rejected base claim. Independent claims (12, 35 & 45) have a similar problem as claim 1 and are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

7. Claim 45 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted elements are: symbol estimating computer, bit mode calculator, edge messages as described in fig. 19.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 24 to 34 are allowed.

9. Claims 1 to 23 and 35 to 44 would be allowable once the 112 second paragraph rejection is overcome.

10. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the primary reason for the allowance of the claims is the inclusion of the limitation of "wherein the symbol sequence estimate and symbol node update functional block updates a plurality of symbol node update bit edge messages using the received plurality of symbol metrics and the plurality of initialized LLR bit edge messages thereby

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generating a first updated plurality of symbol node update bit edge messages;" as recited in independent claims (1, 12 & 35). With regards to claim 24, the primary reason for the allowance of the claim is the inclusion of the limitation of "updating the plurality of bit edge messages using the plurality of symbol metrics corresponding to the symbol and the plurality of bit edge messages most recently updated during check node updating." The prior art made of record teaches various methodologies for decoding using a low density parity check code and different modulation techniques; however, the prior art made of record, taken alone or in combination fails to teach or fairly suggest or render obvious the novel element of the instant invention.

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Lee, Heung-no, *LDPC coded modulation MIMO OFDM transceiver: performance comparison with MAP equalization*, IEEE.

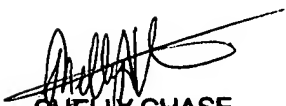
Le Goff, Stephane Y., *Signal constellations for Bit interleaved Coded Modulation*, IEEE.

Patapoutian et al. USP 7266750 B1.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shelly A. Chase whose telephone number is 571-272-3816. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jacques Louis-Jacques can be reached on 571-272-6962. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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